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SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY (PIT) CONSULAR EMPLOYEES

REF: STATE 036833, PANAMA 2257, STATE 116114

ARA/MGT FOR KREIGER
CA FOR SOMMERVILLE
M/MO FOR JONES

1. EMBASSY HERewith REQUESTS EXTENSION OF 3 PIT EMPLOYEES
PRESENTLY ON BOARD FOR AN ADDITIONAL 90 DAYS. EMPLOYEES
IN QUESTION AND TERMINATION OF PRESENT 90-DAY APPOINTMENTS
ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ANALIDA VILLANUEVA (TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT) 9/08/78;
CECILIA ALMENGOR (TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT) 9/22/78;
MARIA PENA (TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT) 10/06/78.

2. EMBASSY CONSIDERS RETENTION THESE EMPLOYEES OF PARTIC-
ULAR IMPORTANCE IN ACHIEVING GOAL OF ORDERLY TRANSITION TO
SIGNIFICANTLY EXPANDED CONSULAR RESPONSIBILITIES OF POST
PANAMA CANAL TREATY ERA. CONTINUOUSLY RISING CASELOAD IN
BOTH VISA AND PASSPORT FIELDS CLEARLY INDICATES THAT THIS
TRANSITION IS ALREADY UPON US AND TWO OF THESE EMPLOYEES
ARE PRESENTLY DEPLOYED IN THESE CRITICAL AREAS OF CONSULAR
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RESPONSIBILITY. THE THIRD PIT IS EMPLOYED IN EQUALLY
SIGNIFICANT AND RAPIDLY EXPANDING AREA OF FEDERAL BENEFITS,
WHEREIN EMBASSY HAS BEEN SPECIFICALLY TASKED BY DEPARTMENT
(E.G. 78 INSPECTION) TO MODERNIZE ITS SERVICES.

3. EMBASSY NOTES THAT THESE PIT EMPLOYEES WERE HIRED IN
ANTICIPATION OF RECEIVING PERMANENT FSL POSITIONS WHICH

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION CONSULAR PACKAGE (STATE
016438) INDICATED WOULD BE FORTHCOMING TOWARD END OF FY 78.
AS INDICATED IN PANAMA 2257, EMBASSY WOULD SLOT THESE PIT
EMPLOYEES INTO THESE PERMANENT POSITIONS ONCE THEY BECOME
AVAILABLE.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE PRIORITY REPLY, AS FIRST OF THESE
APPOINTMENTS EXPIRES WITHIN 10 DAYS. DIKEOS

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